

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.

BY ELISA ARMSTRONG.

The Brownsmiths were preparing to retire; the parlor clock had been wound, the window garden covered with newspaper and the key to the front door hidden under the mat.

"Dear me!" cried Mrs. Brownsmith, "this is New Year's eve."

"So it is," responded her husband, "and I haven't told you how I intend to begin the year."

"True; and I haven't given it a thought myself, I—my goodness! Look, listen! There is somebody under the sofa!"

"Nonsense! It's only the cat. I wish you would cultivate a little bravery."

"I will. I'll turn over a new leaf tomorrow; I know I'm a coward."

"You certainly are. And I have decided to arise early after this; I lose the best part of the day, as it is."

"True; besides, you put back all the housework."

"After all, I don't lie abed so very late."

"Indeed you do. You've often promised to rise earlier, but you never do."

"And you've often promised to be sensible and not be afraid of your shadow."

"Afraid of my shadow! I'm not."

"Absurd!"

"Ridiculous!"

They both flounced off to bed without even saying good night.

In the very early morning, Mrs. Brownsmith, awakened at some sound, thought of the dining-room window—



SUE CREEPT OUT AND DOWNSTAIRS.

what if it was unlocked? when Mrs. Skynflyntle was almost sure that some one was stealing her coal.

About to awaken her husband, she remembered that this was the time to display her courage. Seizing dressing gown and slippers, she crept out and downstairs.

The window was locked, but on returning, as she reached the foot of the stairs, she heard some one stealthily moving about the bedroom. She

listened again; yes, there it was again! Proud of vindicating herself, she flew to the burglar alarm and back again.

"Hello!" her husband called. "Don't move or I'll shoot!"

"Good gracious!" she thought, "what if Henry is killed!" and her knees giving way she sank to the floor with a thud.

There was a scramble at the head of the stairs and some one rolled down, adding groans to her shrieks.

When the neighbors and police arrived they found Mrs. Brownsmith in strong hysterics and Mr. Brownsmith with a dislocated shoulder at the foot of the stairs.

"I—I thought there were burglars and gave the alarm," she sobbed, when the tumult was subdued.

"And I was merely doing as I resolved, and rising early when I heard some one moving about the house," groaned her husband.

And that was as near as they ever came to keeping their New Year's resolutions.

Saving Space.

"Binkins is going at a remarkable pace even for him."

"He says it's economy."

"Economy!"

"Yes. He's going to turn over a new leaf New Year's day and he wants to get as much recorded as he can before he lets go of the old one."—Washington Star.

A NEW YEAR'S EPISODE.



The Old One—Pull fair—the long end gets it.—Chicago Tribune.

Equipped.

"Are you ready to meet that solemn event in every man's existence, the new year?" asked the meditative man.

"You bet I am," replied his flippant friend. "I have more material for swearing off than I ever had before in my life."—Washington Star.

Unlike Him.

Cora—I was so surprised when Mr. de Jinks called to pay the compliments of the season.

Merritt—No wonder. That's the only thing I ever knew him to pay.—Judge.

Insult to Injury.

Thistlewood—Did he say anything to you when he handed you the bill?

Impecune—Yes; wished me a happy New Year.

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| 11:45 a. m. | Rincon | 1:40 p. m. |
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